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## NOTICE OF PREPARATION ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

**EAF NO.:** ENV-2005-2301-EIR

**PROJECT NAME:** Vesting Tentative Tract No. 61553

**PROJECT LOCATION/ADDRESS:** 22255 Mulholland Drive, Woodland Hills **COMMUNITY PLANNING AREA:** Canoga Park-Winnetka-Woodland Hills-West

Hills

**COUNCIL DISTRICT: CD-3** 

**DUE DATE FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS: December 8, 2005** 

The City of Los Angeles, Department of City Planning, will be the Lead Agency and will require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report ("EIR") for the project identified herein (the "proposed project"). The Department of City Planning requests your comments as to the scope and content of the EIR.

The Project Description, location, and the potential environmental effects are set forth below. The environmental file is available for review at the Department of City Planning, 200 North Spring Street, Room 750, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project is the development of 37 detached single-family homes on a 6.19-acre project site. The project would require a change of zoning from R-1 to RD-6 because the single family homes are configured on two lots as a detached condominium development. Also, because portions of the proposed project would be visible from Mulholland Drive, the applicant is requesting an exception from the viewshed protection and allowable building height provisions set forth in the Mulholland Scenic Parkway Specific Plan. The applicant also requests a Zoning Administrator Determination to allow a retaining wall in excess of 3.5 feet in a required front yard, a Zoning Administrator Adjustment to allow a retaining wall in excess of 8 feet in a required front yard and a Zoning Administrator Adjustment to allow more than one retaining wall on a single lot. The retaining walls do not provide additional viewshed impacts along Mulholland Drive. The resulting project would have less density than permitted by the proposed zoning, it is consistent with the General Plan, and would look like a

conventional single-family project. A 40-foot front yard setback would be maintained along Mulholland Drive and a 20-foot front yard setback would be maintained along San Feliciano Drive. The proposed homes would be two-stories, with a maximum height of 36 feet.

Direct access to the project site would be from a main entrance on Mulholland Drive and from a second entrance on San Feliciano Drive. A private onsite roadway would provide internal circulation and a connection between Mulholland Drive and San Feliciano Drive. The private roadway would be 28 feet wide and would not be gated. No street lights are proposed on the private roadway; primary night-time illumination would be provided by carriage lights mounted on the exterior walls of the homes. Each home would provide two covered parking spaces. Additionally, 19 onsite visitor parking spaces would be provided. The proposed project would also provide approximately 3.3 acres of open space.

Site preparation would require approximately 21,400 cubic yards of grading; all grading would be balanced on-site. There are a total of 186 trees on the project site, of which 30 would be removed for construction of the proposed project. Six of those 30 trees are coast live oaks. The grading/development plan includes the use of retaining walls to minimize grading and maximize the retention of mature trees. The proposed project also includes the removal of the existing onsite residence (40+ years of age). The residence has been vacant for approximately 10 years.

**ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:** Aesthetics; Air Quality; Biological Resources; Hazards and Hazardous Materials; Land Use and Planning; and Noise.

The enclosed materials reflect the scope of the proposed project, which is located in an area of interest to you and/or the organization you represent. An EIR will be prepared and submitted to the Department of City Planning, Environmental Review Section. The Environmental Review Section encourages and welcomes all comments pertaining to environmental impacts of the proposed project. All comments will be considered in the preparation of the EIR. Written comments must be submitted by December 8, 2005.

Please direct your comments to:

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